

[17 August, 2000]

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MANEKA GANDHI: (a) The names of Non-Governmental Organisations in Himachal Pradesh which are receiving financial assistance from Government are as under:

- I. Himachal Pradesh State Council for Child Welfare, Mini Secretariat, Shimla-2.
- II. Distt. Rural Development Agency, Hamirpur Distt.
- III. Distt. Rural Development Agency, Shimla.
- IV. Distt. Rural Development Agency Bilaspur District,
- V. Jail Employees Welfare and Prevention of Crime Society, Central Jail, Nahan.
- VI. Age Care India, Shimla District.
- VII. Indira Ladies Club, Sirmour District.
- VIII. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, (for Distt. Bilaspur, Kangra, Solan, Kullu, Shimla and Nahan).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Ministry releases grant-in-aid to the organization on the basis of inspection report/recommendation of the appropriate authorities every year. The organizations are also required to submit various documents like utilization certificate, audit report etc. for getting grant-in-aid from the Ministry.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Representations from Confederation of SC and ST Organisations in Andhra Pradesh

2447. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received from Confederation of SC and ST Organizations in Andhra

Pradesh in matters of reservations and promotions of SC and ST employees in the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) A representation dated 26.11.98 was received from Andhra Pradesh unit of the National Confederation of SCST Organisation, which is not a recognized association. The representation principally urged the Government to withdraw some Department of Personal and Training, Office Memoranda relating to reservation for SOST in Government posts and services.

Review of Office Memoranda dated 29.8.97 has been completed and consequently Constitution (81st Amendment) Act, 2000 has been enacted incorporating Article 16(4B) in the Constitution. Necessary instructions have been issued on 20.7.2000 offsetting the effect of OM dated 29.8.97.

On completion of review of OM dated 22.7.97, Constitution (88th Amendment) Bill, 1999 was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 23.12.99.

In regard to the Office Memoranda dated 30.1.97 and 13.8.97, decision of the Supreme Court on certain pending petitions is awaited.

Review of OM dated 2.7.97 is under consideration.

Office Memoranda dated 1.11.90 and 1.7.98 clarify the policy and do not call for any review.